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TOM BRADEN: We have with us on the Live Line David Wise, the coauthor, with Thomas Ross, of a famous book of some years ago by the CIA called "The Invisible Government."

The question, to repeat it briefly, is simply this: Do you think American journalists should be used by the CIA as spies or agents? Put this way: How would you like to read your newspaper with the knowledge that the byline which you're reading might be an agent of the CIA?

What's your view, David?

DAVID WISE: Well, I'm absolutely and totally and unequivocally opposed to the use of journalists in any fashion by an intelligence agency of our government.

BRADEN: You want to say why?

WISE: Yes. Because the First Amendment very clearly states that Congress shall pass no law abridging freedom of the press. And we can't have a free press if reporters are masquerading as spies.

BRADEN: Well, wait a minute. Let me back up a now. Why can't we?

WISE: Well, the issue is really fairly simple. If you're a reporter -- I was for many years -- and you go, let us say, to a country like India, where there is a suspicion that American journalists, some of them, might be spies...

BRADEN: That suspicion probably exists because the